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Dear Mr. DeFalco:

Contrary to the statements made in your letter of August 14, 1974, we did not receive timely notice of the public hearing held on October 9, 1974, that we had requested. On Thursday, October 3, 1974, I began to wonder what had happened with regard to the public hearing on the nine proposed NPDES permits that we had originally requested. I called the local office of the Environmental Protection Agency, and was informed that the meeting would be held on October 9, 1974.

I informed the local EPA office that it would be absolutely impossible for us to respond on such short notice, since quite a few organizations were involved, and there was a considerable amount of research that had to be done. The local office delivered a copy of the notice to us on Friday, October 4, 1974, and this is the first time we had seen the notice on the public hearing. We understand that 20 copies were supposedly mailed to us, but we never received them, nor can we find anyone in the Kalihi-Palama Community Council that ever received them.

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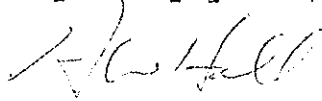
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I stopped by at the hearing and attempted to raise a point of order, by pointing out that we simply did not have proper notice of the meeting and as a direct result, we could not participate. The Chairman refused to recognize our point of order, and with that, we walked out of the hearing.

I have worked for the Kalihi-Palama Community Council for more than ten years, and in all of those years we have never had anything of this sort happen with regard to public hearings. To say that the Environmental Protection Agency was careless in notifying us of the date of the public hearing and in giving us adequate notice would be an understatement. We have no knowledge whether the failure to inform us of the public hearing date was accidental or intentional, but the result was the same. We could not participate in the public hearing that we had requested.

As a direct result, we request that the permit not be issued and that the hearing be re-scheduled with a full thirty days notice given to our organization, so that we can properly prepare for the public hearing.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Hall

Chairman - Air, Water & Noise Pollution Committee
Kalihi-Palama Community Council

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